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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

FACULTY SENATE

BILL

Adopted by the Faculty SenateRECEIVED
UNIVERSITY OF R. I.

FEB 23 1971

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TO: President Werner A. Baum

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The Attached BILL, titled Manual Incorporation of Trustees Policy Regarding:
"Candidacy of Faculty Members for Public Office"

is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The original and two copies for your use are included.
3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on February 18, 1971.
(date)
4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Trustees, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
5. In accordance with Section 8, paragraph 2 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on March 11, 1971 (date), three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Trustees for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Trustees, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

February 19, 1971
(date)

Walter E. Truett /s/
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.
2. Approved ✓. Disapproved .
3. (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Trustees is not necessary.

2/23/71
(date)

W. A. Baum /s/
President

ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded.

2. Approved.

(date)

President

/s/

ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Chairman of the Board of Trustees, via the University President.

1. Forwarded.

(date)

(Office)

/s/

ENDORSEMENT 3.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

(date)

President

/s/

Original received and forwarded to the Secretary of the Senate and Registrar for
filing in the Archives of the University.

(date)

Chairman of the Faculty Senate

/s/

MANUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

February, 1971

The Manual Committee submits its second report to the Executive Committee for the year, 1970-71.

The Manual Committee recommends that the following sections be added to the University Manual, 9th edition in Part II, Chapter 6, page 37.

Section 6.11.16 Candidacy for Public OFFICE. On April 9, 1968, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees of State Colleges voted: "That the Board of Trustees of State Colleges, after careful consideration, has adopted the following policy for the guidance of faculty members and administrators:"

Section 6.11.17 POLICY STATEMENT CONCERNING CANDIDACY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. "A faculty member or administrator may serve as a member of a town council, a school committee or a local political committee which normally meets in the evening without seeking permission from the Board.

A faculty member may declare himself to be a candidate for political office without prior permission from the Board but if such activity requires him to spend time away from his classroom or office, he must take a leave of absence without pay.

Whether a leave of absence to run in a primary or election will be granted must depend upon the need of the institution for his services for the period requested. The greater the responsibility of an officer or faculty, the less likely it is that his services can be dispensed with for an extended period.

Finally, a member of the faculty or an administrator who is elected to state, federal, or other local office must terminate his employment, except for tenure rights."

COMMENT:

Section 11.10.13 page 84 of the University Manual, 9th edition states that

"These rules and regulations in the University Manual may be amended, added to or repealed by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees at any duly constituted meeting."

The Manual Committee based its reason not to edit or change the substance of the Board of Trustees motion on the rule stated in section 11.10.13.